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| Spiridon Spireas | Confirmation No.: 6452 |
| Application No.: 09/928,467 | Group Art Unit: 1616 |

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For: STABLE SOLID DOSAGE FORMS OF AMINO ACIDS AND PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING SAME

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| Sir: | |
| | REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER |
| | A Preliminary Amendment. |
| \boxtimes | A Reply Responsive to the Office Action Dated April 11, 2005. |
| | A Reply Supplemental to the Paper filed . |
| | A Substitute Specification (pages 1 -) in clean form. |
| | A substitute specification (pages 1 -) with markings. |
| | An Abstract is enclosed. |
| | replacement sheets of drawings are enclosed comprising figures . |
| | Request is hereby made to accept black and white photograph(s) in this case, as they are the only practicable medium for illustrating the claimed invention. One (1) set of black and white photographs comprising figure(s) is submitted herewith. |
| | Petition is hereby made to accept drawing(s)/photograph(s) in this case. |

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| | | Three (3) sets of color drawing(s)/photograph(s) and black and white photocopy that accurately depicts to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color drawing(s)/photograph(s), are enclosed, comprising figures . | | | | |
| | | An amendment to the first paragraph in that portion of the Brief Description of the Drawings is also enclosed herewith advising that the patent contains at least one drawing/photograph in color. | | | | |
| | A Ce | rtified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed. | | | | |
| | An A | ssignee Power of Attorney is enclosed. | | | | |
| | Infor | nation Disclosure Statement. | | | | |
| | | Attached Form 1449. | | | | |
| | | A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith. | | | | |
| | A Ter | minal Disclaimer is attached. | | | | |
| | Appe | ndices as follows: . | | | | |
| | Other | | | | | |
| \boxtimes | No Additional Fee is Due. | | | | | |
| \boxtimes | Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27. | | | | | |
| | Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as . | | | | | |
| | This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. | | | | | |

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| | REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST PAID FOR | EXTRA | RATE | FEE | RATE | FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 20 | 84 (20 MINIMUM) | 0 | \$25 EACH | \$0 | \$50 EACH | \$ |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 2 | 10 (3 MINIMUM) | 0 | \$100 EACH | \$0 | \$200 EACH | \$ |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT | | | | \$180 | \$0 | \$360 | \$ |
| ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME | | | | \$60 | \$0 | \$120 | \$ |
| ☐ TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME | | | | \$225 | \$0 | \$450 | \$ |
| ☐ THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME | | | | \$510 | \$0 | \$1020 | \$ |
| ☐ FOUR MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME | | | \$795 | \$0 | \$1590 | \$ | |
| ☐ FIVE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME | | | | \$1080 | \$0 | \$2160 | \$ |
| ☐ LESS ANY EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID | | | minus | (\$0) | minus | (\$) | |
| ☐ TERMINAL DISCLAIMER | | | | \$65 | \$0 | \$130 | \$ |
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| TOTAL FEE DUE | | | | \$0 | | \$ | |

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| Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of to and through comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of month(s). |

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The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

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